



Common Statement Drug Free Protocol 2022-2023

St. Albert Public Schools, Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools and the local detachment of the RCMP are working together to ensure that St. Albert students feel safe in their schools. Together we have developed this common statement to remind parents and students of our zero-tolerance policies regarding drug use in schools.

Protocol Respecting Drug Free Schools

Be advised that all junior and senior high schools in St. Albert are committed to implementing the Drug Free Protocol. It states:

- Possession of or trafficking in illegal drugs in any form is an act utterly incompatible with the *Education Act* which states that students are to comply with the rules of the school and respect the rights of others.
- School administrators and the RCMP, including canine members, will conduct cooperative patrols of the school when reasonable suspicion exists. If these patrols result in detection of illegal substances, recommendation for expulsion from the school may result. Please note that through our Student Conduct Policy, possession of alcohol or cannabis/marijuana may also result in a recommendation for expulsion.
- In all cases, parents or legal guardians will be notified.

Please remember that your locker belongs to the school, not you. This means that when you sign your license to use the school locker, your locker is subject to search at any time without notification by any personnel associated with the school or by persons representing other authorities, including the police.

